



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Exxon Co USA Office Building Property
Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract until July 16, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, VCC 13-6111-NRP, will affect approximately 1.49 acres located at 1600 Meeting Street in Charleston, SC, and further identified as the southern portion of tax map number 464-06-00-012.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and a company known as 1600 Meeting St. Holdings, LLC (1600 Meeting). 1600 Meeting wants to acquire the property and develop the existing buildings for commercial use as a center for local creative ventures.

Past industrial activities at the property included operation of a quality control laboratory and a motor pool. Activities on adjacent properties have included an oil refinery and bulk oil storage. The use of fuels and chemicals associated with these activities may have contaminated soil and groundwater on this property.

If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow 1600 Meeting to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of possible environmental pollution on the property. 1600 Meeting did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold 1600 Meeting responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for the work 1600 Meeting will do under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, 1600 Meeting will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract does not reduce the responsibility of former owners or operators of the site.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882. The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until July 16, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, email gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929 or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.